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NOTE AND COMMENT

The conference held last week at Calgary, at which representatives of the commercial and agricultural interests of the province, after a rough discussion, decided to do everything possible to advance the movement for the shipment of Alberta products by way of the Pacific, should prove epoch-making. The subject is one that has been and constantly to the fore by the Saturday News for three years back. The paper has always been impressed by the tremendous disadvantage for which the province rested cause of the long haul that was necessary before its products reached the Atlantic seaboard. To reach Fort William it is necessary to traverse the whole width of two great provinces and a considerable portion of two others. At that, navigation is only open on the lakes for a part of the year and if the ways have to be used all the way to St. John and Halifax, it is evident that there is little chance of a profitable return to the producer. The Hudson's Bay project has been created on to relieve the situation, but we cannot believe that it will do anything like as important an effect on the future of Alberta as the opening up of this western route.

The change had to come in course of time has for a long while been evident. That it is already a matter of practical concern is due to the shrewdness of a recent move of the C.P.R. So long as it held the field it paid that company to encourage the eastern trade and force charges to pay for the long haul.

But when the Grand Trunk Pacific with its easy grades through the mountains began to be something more than a dream the old company turned itself. It undertook a great engineering work between Harbor and Field, which reduced its miles very largely, and now it announces that the rate from Alberta posts to Vancouver on grain is to be 21 cents per hundred instead of 35 cents as formerly. As the rate to Fort William is 25 cents, it didn't take the framers and those who are interested in their welfare long to see the advantage of turning attention without delay to the west.

That we have in Alberta a province which in its variety of natural resources surpasses any other member of Confederation, most people who have made a study of conditions here are prepared to admit. That cut off as we have been from the large centres of the world's trade we have made such progress is a marvel. But if we have done this, with so many influences against us, what may we not expect in the new era that with so many fresh avenues of communication, both between distant points of the province and between the province and the world at large, being opened up within the next half dozen years?

The controversy between President Roosevelt and those members of the State Legislatures of California and Nevada, who have been intent on passing Anti-Japanese legislation, continues to attract world-wide attention. He appears to have convinced a considerable element among the Jap-haters that they owed a duty to the republic, which should restrain them from going to the limit of their constitutional powers and perhaps involving the two countries in war. The situation if of decided interest to Canadians, fresh from a very similar experience. In this country, the central governing body fortunately is better able to assert its authority. This does not mean, of course, that the Dominion Government, any more than that of the United States is justified in riding rough shod over the opinions and wishes of the people out on the Pacific. So long as the latter are reasonable, it should be possible to secure for them what they wish without endangering Imperial and national interests. Mr. Ralph Smith M.P., for Nanaimo, speaking in the Commons the other day, cited some figures to show how the policy of the Dominion Government, strongly criticized though it was in British Columbia, had effected the result that that province desires.

At present it is necessary for a shipment of Alberta grain by way of Vancouver to travel via Cape Horn or the Suez Canal to reach Liverpool. But even with such roundabout routes, a saving of no less than six cents a bushel can be made over the cost of a shipment by way of Fort William. Then there is the very important advantage that Vancouver is an open port round and that by using it all the loss, inconvenience and bad load that the inevitable shortage of ears at the end of a season produces is wholly avoided. The farmer can ship with just as good results in February as in October.

But if a saving of six cents can be made, what may we not expect when the Panama Canal is completed? In the progress that

is being made with that undertaking Alberta has thus a very vital interest and it is satisfactory to have it announced, as it was during the past week by the chief engineer, that ships would be passing through the big dikes by Jan. 1st, 1915. The sensational stories about the Gatun dam, on which so much depends, being unsafe have been exploded by the report of a corps of eminent engineers. With the canal and the Grand Trunk Pacific completed, a very much larger saving than six cents per bushel over the rate which has been in force up to the present will be effected. By 1915 Alberta will be considerably nearer the Liverpool market, so far as the cost of getting its products there is concerned, than either Saskatchewan or Manitoba, while there is also the rapidly growing trade of the Orient and South and Central America to reckon upon. Is it too much to say that such a development constitutes a revolution?

One of the practical results of the Calgary conference was that the Dominion Government was urged to erect and operate a terminal elevator at Vancouver. If the Government, however, did not take this action, it was determined to ask the C.P.R. to do so without delay, in order that the crop of 1909 might be handled by way of that port. At present it is necessary to ship to Vancouver in bags because of the lack of these terminal facilities. This costs a good deal of money and in order to obtain the full advantage of the route, it should be possible to ship in bulk. The other important request was that the Manitoba Grain Act, under which it is difficult to ship west, be altered in accordance with the needs of the new route.

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"We have to take things as we find them," said Mr. Smith "and when the practical people of British Columbia realize that the Japanese are not coming into that province, they will, I believe, admit that it has been effective. The direct effect

A Recruit to be Proud of



MR. E. N. BARKER

At the first of the present month the Saturday News are able to Mr. E. N. Barker resigns the post announced that after the first of the of collector of customs at Cardston month he will be a regular member of the editorial staff of this paper and will become at an early date a citizen of Edmonton. With his and of its associated publication, name and with the products of Mr. Barker's pen, the readers of the Alberta Homestead, That he Saturday News, to the columns of will be a source of the greatest strength will be admitted by everyone who has been a frequent contributor during the past three years, he who is acquainted with what he has already done. For such work as he is undertaking Mr. Barker's of early days in Alberta, his treatment of subjects connected with outdoor-door life, his pleas for the application of humanitarian ideas in our relations to domestic and other animals, have all received widespread attention and have stamped him as a man of keen observation and broad interests who is at the same time possessed of a peculiarly attractive and forceful literary style.

It is therefore with a great deal of pleasure that the publishers of

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of that settlement came into Columbia in June, 1908, and I must confess that I was myself surprised at what the public records show since then. I believe in having the facts as they are whether they are for us or whether they are against us. If month after the settlement, in this question is to be settled it must be settled on the facts and not on any political feelings which may be introduced, and I have every confidence in the intelligence and judgment of the people of British Columbia that when the facts are made known to them they will gladly admit that the settlement has been effective. As I have said, the practical effect of that settlement only into operation June 1908. Only 51 Japanese came into British Columbia in June, 1908. Of these 51, 22 were women and children, so that as a matter of fact only 29 Japanese laborers entered British

Columbia in June, 1908. In July, 1908, 39 Japanese entered British Columbia, and of that number 16 were women and children, leaving only 23 Japanese laborers coming into the Province in the second half of the month. Of these 23, 12 were women and children, leaving only 11 Japanese laborers entering the Province. In September, 1908, only 21 Japanese entered the Province, and of these 7 were women and children, leaving 14 Japanese laborers entering the Province. In October, 1908, only 12 Japanese came to British Columbia, and of these 8 were women and children, leaving 23 laborers entering the Province in October, 1908. In November only 12 came into British Columbia, and in December only 16. Thus in the whole period of six months since the settlement,

The Heart Courageous

The sun will not for ever shine,
Nor winds be ever warm.
The brightest of our summer
days
Will often end in storm.
Yet what if skies be overcast,
One sun will never set,
If in the heart courageous still
Love helps us to forget.
Smiles may not always welcome
us
Nor friends be ever true,
Thistles may strew the paths
of life.
The flowers of friendship grew,
Yet though the blossoms all may
drop.
The roots will ever live,
In the heart courageous still
Love helps us to forgive.

—A. C. G., Edmonton, Feb. 11, 1909.

Fate that before had smiled on us
May turn an unkind wheel,
And grim misfortune harshly
place.

Our hearts beneath have laid,
Yet in the desert of distress,
We find some manna yet,
If in the heart courageous still
Love's precious gems are set.

As down the misty vale of Time
The years relentless glide,
Some souls with love may reach
the shore.

Where rest and peace abide,
Yet as we watch them fade away
On sorrow's lonely hill,
Bravely the heart courageous
beats.

For we can love them still.

only 198 Japanese have come into the Province of British Columbia."

MUSIC AND DRAMA

The Saturday News has all along had confidence in the result of that settlement. No chapter in the career of the present Dominion administration, it believes, will prove more creditable than its handling of this grave problem and the Liberals of British Columbia made a grave error, both from the standpoint of political tactics and from that of the general good of the country, in not standing by me, while its conclusions cannot be stated too emphatically.

Neither party in the coast province stands in a very enviable light just at present. The publication of the forged telegram from Mr. Borden in the Victoria Colonist shows the worst kind of political management. Those responsible for it were as apathetic as the ordinary clumsy criminal. That it should have involved a paper with the clean record of the Colonist is a matter for extreme regret. That Mr. Borden was in no way to blame is evident. He knew nothing of the use to which his name had been put, but it is perfectly clear that it was because of the forgery that his supporters of his new suds for Victoria and the least that Mr. Barnard can do is to resign. Hon. Mr. Hyatt was compelled to resign from the representation of London when it was shown that wholesale corruption had been resorted to in his behalf, and very rightly so, though his majority was up in the hundreds. Mr. Barnard's, on the other hand, barely reached double figures. Both of these gentlemen may very well pray to be delivered from such friends as the supposedly clever political managers who turned the trick in their respective cases.

Mr. Templeman has been returned for Comox-Alberni by a series of deals, so it is alleged, of the kind which bring politics into contempt. That Mr. Sloan, who resigned in his favor, will be given some appointment, a senateship preferably, is reasonably certain. It was at first proposed to oppose Mr. Templeman's return, but such was the popularity of the new member that the party was contented when they learned that she did wear a diamond ring. Mr. Templeman's popularity which added to the interest of her dance was only an illusion. In these incidents there seems to be indicated a change in the conventional attitude toward audacious stage entertainments and a standard of judgment less puritanical than that to which we have been accustomed in the past.

"At the same time that these daring and in some cases indecent productions are proving profitable a number of thoroughly clean plays are enjoying prosperity, showing that appeal to the lewd and carnal are not essential to success in the theatre. The interesting aspect of this situation is that it is a comforting truth, however. It is the unprecedented silence of those agencies and individuals who are usually quick to denounce merely questionable performances at a time when lust and passion are more freely exploited than has been the case in years."

It will be the best kind of news to Edmonton theatre-goers to learn that the San Francisco Opera Company, which last autumn gave as good a series of operatic performances as any city of 100,000 to 200,000 people, situated within the most central theatrical zone, could wish for, will return for a three nights engagement, March 15, 16 and 17.

Holly Shepard, whose "baseball minstrels" of two years ago will long be remembered, is again in Edmonton and will repeat his enterprise at an early date.

Under the direction of Mr. Frank Wrigley, a noted representative of the British was given in Calgary last week. Mendelssohn's splendid oratorios, I understand from those who had the good fortune to be present, has seldom been done better justice in Canada. Madame Ohlman of Chicago, Madame Ellis-Browne, a recent acquisition to Calgary's musical circles, Dr. G. R. Price and Mr. J. O. Trotter took the

Miss Grace V. Bonner, impersonator and ventriloquist, is giving an entertainment in Westminster Presbyterian church, Edmonton, on Thursday of this week.

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Mr E. B. Osburn, a man of wide experience, who has travelled over the Dominion every now and then for many years back, was recently deputed to write a series of articles for "Canada" giving the result of his observations during a recent Canadian trip. Here is an extract from one of his last letters. "It was always self-evident to me that Edmonton must eventually become a city of the first magnitude. She stands at the only door through the Canadian Rockies the Yellowhead Pass and as Winnipeg is the gateway of the vast territory between the International boundary line and the north branch of the Saskatchewan, so Edmonton is the place of entry and egress for the Peace River country, and the billion acres of which it forms a part. We can now know from the evidence of trees and plants, which cannot lie and live, that wheat may be grown for hundreds of miles north of the Saskatchewan Valley. These facts guarantee for Edmonton, with Strathcona the river between cannot prevent them coalescing in the end a population of at least a quarter of a million in the middle distance of the future."

No wonder we are getting our backs "friz" when we hear men, like Mr. Osburn, and others who should know what they are talking about, express opinions such as the above. Indeed those on the ground only need to keep their eyes open and employ a common-sense method of deduction to be quite sure in their minds as to the future that is in store, with or without the observations of strangers, distinguished and undistinguished.

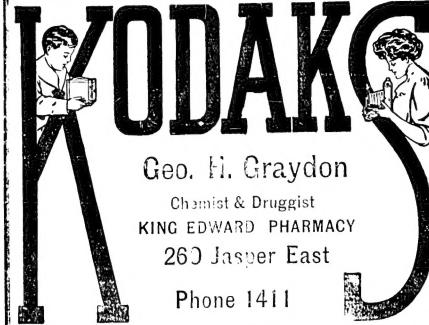
At the Speaker's dinner this week Mr. Justice Sturt made a very wise remark. Referring indirectly to certain events, in the early months of the province's history, which had caused hard feelings between the north and south of its settled portion, he declared that the best way in which these could be allayed was by the settling up of Edmonton's hinterland. When railways were built in that direction, he sincerely hoped that it would be shown that the Peace River country was all that had been claimed for it. Once the people of Alberta, as a whole, were convinced by demonstration its possibilities more would have been done for the cause of provincial unity than could be accomplished by any other means.

Of course the final test will come when the railways are built and Peace River Crossing and Fort Vermilion and other places to the north are centres from which a large part of Alberta's contribution to the staples of the world's commerce is shipped. But even now we have fairly clear indication of what we are to expect in the days to come, quite sufficient at least to justify the supplying of modern means of communication.

Last year the Dominion government started experimental work in agriculture at Fort Vermilion, 350 miles in a direct line from Edmonton, a further distance to the north than the international boundary line is to the south. His report on the season's operations has now been presented, and makes decidedly interesting reading. Seeding was in full swing by May 1, and the harvest general by August 20th. It was a honest, sound, one in all respects, there being no trace of frost damage. Wheat averaged 24 bushels to the acre; oats, 50 and barley 60; turnips 16 tons to the acre; mangels, 15, and white carrots, 12. Some apple and plum trees sent into the country in the spring of 1907 are making an excellent growth. What territory 350 miles from a railway ever made a better showing than this?

Incidentally it should be noted that at the provincial seed fair in Calgary last week, Mr. George Hartcourt, deputy minister of agriculture, ventured the prediction based on definite experiments, that in fifteen years Alberta would be

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I am indebted to the Edmonton Teachers' Club for an invitation to the "Home" given at the Alexander Taylor residence, Jasper Avenue, Feb. 12th, when Miss Agnes Deans Cameron is to give an address.

Incidentally I see the announcement boards in front of the Presbyterian Church referred to Miss Cameron as Miss Agnes Dennis Cameron. Now her name isn't Dennis, and I wonder what it means, as the Chapter have good reason to know, by the star attraction she and her lecture proved, and I think it's about time Miss Cameron censed to be flooded in a day by one person, appearing as the Rev. Agnes Dennis Cameron, and the next referred to as a "Dennis."

The following had the honor of dining at Government House on February 9th: Hon. W. T. Finlay, His Lordship, the Bishop of Calgary, The Hon. Mr. Justice Scott, The Hon. Mr. Justice Becht, Lt Col. R. Belcher, C.M.G., Mr. C. Hiebert, Mr. J. A. Simpson, M.L.A., Mr. W. F. Bredin, M.L.A., Mr. F. Puffer, M.L.A., Mr. R. T. Bedford, M.L.A., Mr. F. A. Walker, M.L.A., Rev. E. F. Marshall, Professor W. H. Alexander.

The North Battleford News says: "Mr. A. D. Duncan, who has acted as manager of the branch office of the Imperial Bank during the past 21 months and in that interval made many business friends and acquaintances in North Battleford and surrounding district, has received instructions to proceed to Rostheron where he will assume the management of the bank's business in that place."

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are both well-known in Edmonton, where the latter, as Miss Jean Simpson, paid an extended visit some winters ago.

One of the large social functions in the year in Calgary was the ball given by Mr. and Mrs. George Bellamy in their beautiful home on Thirteenth Avenue west. The Albertan says in its account: "The spacious apartments, delightfully artistic in every detail, lend themselves perfectly for entertainments, and the decorating was prettily arranged with beautiful tinted foliage, stately palms and tropical flowers. The decorations were relieved by a wealth of dark drapes, chandeliers and murano in every nook and corner. Mr. Merrick's orchestra was in attendance, and played irresistibly many favorite tunes to which the feet of the dancers tripped in merry time. A delicious supper was served in the dining room, and the tables were laid, looking inviting, with their snowy cloths, lovely silver and perfect appointments with pretty decorations and clusters of pink and white carnations in magnificent crystal vases around which Alabama similes trailed gracefully."

At least two hundred people came to welcome the new superintendent, Miss Kongey, at the reception given on Thursday evening, Feb. 4th, in the Y.W.C.A. parlors. The beard wishes to thank those who were kind enough to show their appreciation by coming and particularly Miss Chegwin, under whose charge the reception was given. Mr. and Mrs. Hiebert and Mrs. Thaymer opened the door for the guests who were received by Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs. Sharpe. Mrs. Cross and Mrs. A. E. May presided at the tea-table for the first hour and were relieved by Mrs. Second and Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Whitelaw and Miss Barnes were the next to be relieved, while Mrs. Saigon and Mrs. Crafts ably took charge of the kitchen. An address of appreciation and a pin were presented to Miss Dunlop, the retiring matron, to which she replied in a suitable manner.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Speaker Fisher did their best for entertaining, the Speaker's dinner taking place on Monday at the Yale cafe, when about forty guests were present. And now to prove what dismal failures men are when it comes to social reporting I have only to tell you that while I have quizzed a dozen persons on the subject, one, two, etc., etc., all the information I have gained up to the present is: "Oh, yes! the flowers. M-m-m-m; well, they really were very fine. Some sort of red roses and you know that whirlyig stuff, oh and you know. Oh, I don't know; they were all right all the same."

And this: "I believe you women express it, the color scheme" was red and white. "Red roses," you see they all recognized them, and I hear that every sandy (I only write it, thus because good breeding forbids that I should call it red) haired man annexed a red rose instead of a white for his place buttonhole - red roses and you know that sort of curly

little white flower, smells deliciously, all banked high the entire length of the table. Had you been there I think you would have described it as a perfect bower of beauty and fragrance, which it was, by the way. Oh, yes and on the buffet were some glorious red tulips." Think of it the man said "glorious."

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What the Western Grain Route Will be Worth to Alberta.

As figured out at the Calgary Conference.
By Mr. L. P. Strong of the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co.

Honest differences of opinion rushed to Fort William, but by the time men engaged in the growing and selling of grain cannot help but be of benefit to every person connected with the trade. We all believe and know that we grow the best grain on the face of the earth, and for that reason we should have the best outlet on the face of this earth for that grain.

Careful study of the situation has convinced me that the grower, buyer and elevator men will realize more money if the western route is utilized.

The grain-growing districts of Manitoba are only, on an average, 600 miles from Fort William, while Alberta farmers are 1100 miles from that market. Owing to this the Alberta farmer is obliged to take 80 or 90 less per bushel for a fair better grade of grain than is received by his brother farmer in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The farmer of the country to the south of us also has the same advantage for the same reason.

The farmers of Alberta cannot successfully compete with grain growers in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Dakotas, Minnesota and other places, unless a shorter hand is made available, thus overcoming the 80 or 90 margin.

MUSTN'T DEPEND ON YIELD.

It is true that we have a larger yield per acre than any of these places, but it is not business-like to depend on this fact. Alberta will not always produce the excellent crop of last year, but it can be depended upon to average better every year by far than any of the other grain districts.

The railroads, elevators and farmers realize that an early shipment of grain must be made in order to get the benefit of good prices, made possible by the lake route to the Atlantic points. In September and October the cars and elevators are all filled, and cars

who are buying spring wheat are naturally prejudiced against a variety they see very little of, and know very little about. Our destiny as a ~~western~~ red winter wheat district does not lie in the markets where Saskatchewan and Manitoba sell their spring grain. If Alberta red winter will bring the best price in all the markets of the world, a distinctive market must be established for it.

The elevators owners of Alberta have been handicapped more than any other men in the same business, simply because this market has not been before available.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

This year prices were made to

Liverpool on No. 2 red winter wheat, and an order for 16,000 bushels came back, paying 2c more than was then being realized for spring wheat.

Three years ago Mr. Strong said he took up the freight rate to the east. At that time the rate was 25c per bushel. Now it is only 22 1/2c per bushel, and is coming down.

The second proposition made to Liverpool was for 16,000 bushels of No. 2 or No. 3 wheat at 1c premium over spring wheat shipment to be made over the western route. Buyers were given no choice in the selection of the route, but the result was a cable saying: "Sixteen thousand bushels No. 2 by way of Vancouver." Some time ago I wired 5,000 bushels of red wheat that I had previously sold at a margin of 3c less than spring wheat, and was obliged to pay much more for it.

Thus old country market for the disposal of our grain can be easily reached by the establishment of large terminal elevators at Vancouver. That city is in just as favorable a position for the shipment of grain as is either Fort William, Duluth, St. Paul, Chicago, or Portland. The establishment of terminals there would also remove many of the difficulties now caused by the shortage, because the railroads can handle the shipments much more promptly.

The present rate on Alberta grain to Liverpool by way of the east is 35c per bushel. By way of Vancouver it is just 3c per bushel. This means that when the western route is used the Alberta farmer will realize just 6c per bushel more for his wheat. The latter rate will probably be greatly reduced in the early future, because of the railroad competition coming and the establishment of a line of grain boats on the Pacific. An other difficulty that must be overcome is the doing away of the extra cost of six cents per bushel for sacks, and just now Vancouver has not adequate elevators or storerooms. Large storage facilities must be established there at once in order to make that city the recognized red winter wheat market of the world.

Spasmodically there has been something doing in this western movement for the past three years and the movement has not become permanent simply because of a lack

of storage facilities. During three years Australia has taken some of our oats, Japan has taken some wheat and flour and now Mexico is calling for our grain.

TERMINAL ELEVATORS

I do not know just how we will get these terminal elevators or how we should get them, but we must have them at once to hold what trade we already have. The government, C.P.R., or any other corporation should be assisted if they take the matter up.

The opening of this new market in Liverpool for wheat has also made another outlet for our flour, and it will not be long before Alberta will be looked upon as the milling centre of the Dominion.

These new rates are in effect by either the St. Lawrence or the Horn. In a short time the Panama canal will be finished, and this means that the rates will be then materially decreased. Both routes are now being experimented with in order to determine which is the best.

The Mexico market is a splendid one for the Alberta farmer to control because nearly half the time that country is obliged to import a large quantity of wheat.

A Nature Lover

To anyone but the grossest of materialists, the mountain ranges to the southwest and west of Carlton are a thing of beauty and a joy for ever. But to view them at their best one must be up before the sun, for just before sun up there gathers on and around them a color scheme of pink and purple and pale blue impossible colors one would think but mixed as they can only be on Nature's palette so that men who look upon them with seeing eyes surely "have Heaven in fee, to gild their dross thereby."

Nor is the beauty of the mountains all they have to offer. For the mountaineers enormous heights are to scale and to the sportsman game in extraordinary variety. At least so it would seem from the tale told by a hunter from across the line who came back to Carlton from a long trip among the giant sentinels that watch over her western fields.

He declared that, though he had often heard of a sportsman's par-

dise, never before had he come across one in so far truth. Deer, bear, wolves, wild goats, mountain sheep, besides hounds innumerable and of endless variety had, according to his story and in spite of close seasons, fallen to his ready rifle and gun.

Our friend told the story especially of how he had "met up with" a particularly colossal and majestic Rocky and having the ardent spirit of the climber as well as of the hunter he set out to climb, though the mountain seemed to shoulder the heavens and its top to pierce the sky. A fortnight may, this pardon two weeks) did he climb; always higher, led on by the varying sport afforded by ever changing altitudes; at the summit he hung by a cherubim.

Verily a sportsman's paradise. But indeed 60 bushels of wheat to the acre is quite a usual crop round Carlton. **R.**

Alexander's Romance

season, and he opened a little fruit store down town; the next, the brother came over to be his partner, and the store was enlarged. Last summer Alexander revisited Africa and brought back a wife. They had been married since they were children.

The lady of the flowers, purchasing peaches, congratulated Alexander, who glowed with pride and pleasure.

"And she is very pretty," of course," said the man, "and does she speak English?"

"'Aspin' is ver' pretty, ver'; but she not speak English yet," he explained. "She soon learn, but now she speak only Greek."

"Then I'm afraid at first we will be homesick in a strange land," said the lady.

Alexander cast a swift glance toward the back of the store, and his customer caught a glimpse of a girl's figure perched on a barrel, and two big, dark eyes fixed eagerly upon Alexander.

"'No!'" he declared, with joyous vehemence, drawing himself up proudly as he dropped the final punch into the upper barrel. "Aspin' not homesick, she fit me ver' much."

"And then, America is a good country," suggested the lady, smiling. "Aspin' and me, we fin' America a ver' good country," assented Alexander.

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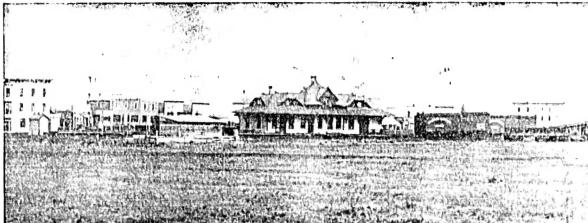
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Home and Society.

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and lit by many red shaded candle lights. Here Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Pace presided, while Mrs. Bob Ross' chorus served the toes and Misses Lizzie Hardisty, Miss Isabel Richardson, and Miss Jessie Form assisted.

Some of those present included: Mrs. Mackie, Mrs. Mayo, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mrs. Frank Summer, Mrs. Mrs. Bether, Mrs. Hilda, Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs. Ottaway, Miss Walker, Miss Norah Campbell, Miss Cuthbert, Miss Marjorie Brown, Miss Sinclair, Miss Seawell, Miss Barker, Miss Pilot, the Misses Finn, Miss Potter, Miss Campbell, Miss Calvert, Miss Kathleen Pace and Miss Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves have issued an invitation to "At Home" in the Separate School theatre, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th.

Mrs. C. E. Race was the hostess of a most enjoyable Five O'Clocker on Saturday.

Plays and Operas are in the air, and apparently everyone has caught the contagion. Of course THE Bazaar is the one to be held in aid of the furnishings of the new hospital, and so well has the committee been doing its work that the 1,000 spectators a woman who isn't going to take same share in helping to make it the biggest and best Fair the Capital has yet seen.

Just there, it seems to me, the baton is half won. No small coterie "running" the affair, but the womanhood of Edmonton roused to do, each her part, in the cause of so much-needed so much-needed an under-

** \$10,000 dollars is a considerable sum of money. Organizers of charities can best grasp the herculean task it will mean to collect it, yet this is the time the Latin-S's Aid have pledged themselves to raise in the next few years. However, in Edmonton it would seem to me all things are possible. We are a young people, we are in love with this city of our adoption, we want it to be the objective point for the very best men of business and ability to be found and to go to them; we must see to it that in times of sickness or accident, we shall be able to promise them proper care and medical attention. I hope I will not be misunderstood when I say that up to the present this has not always been practicable. The Public Hospital is not there at the point of capacity or convenience of latest improvements, been absent of these very stirring times. Under what inconvenience the medical fraternity has labored, to say nothing of the nursing staff of the institution, is generally recognized and appreciated by all.

A Public Hospital is everybody's business. It means perhaps yours and mine and our children's very lives. It means that the sons and daughters of women across seas and in distant parts of the world will be taken as good care of when necessary. Do it, in Edmonton, as they would be here. Do you catch with how much eager minds and hearts parents will be willing to see their boys and girls start out for our Capital city?

As I said, the womanhood of Edmonton apparently has recognized all this, and those who haven't a home in the city are doing some one else who has.

The Bazaar will take place some time in April in the Thistle Rink, and will last three days. There will be booths and plays and business men's luncheons and dinners, a Café Chantant, a picture gallery, fortune telling, and a booth for the children.

Miss Bowker, Mrs. Boucher,

and Mrs. Sydney Woods will conduct luncheons and dinners, which will be held each day of the Fair, and the following ladies have charge of the booths:

Dolls: Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Turnbull, Japanese tea house: Mrs. Mrs. Kezze and Mrs. Farquharson,

Flowers: Mrs. Mrs. Duncan Smith,

Candy: Mrs. Seable and Mrs. J. J. Anderson,

Art work: Mrs. O'Connor and Miss Campbell,

Booth: Ladies of Macabees

Old Timers: Mrs. Hislop,

Cafe Chantant: Mrs. Mays, Mrs. Soper, Mrs. Mrs. Charlesworth

Ice cream: Mrs. Edis, Mrs. Strong and Mrs. McIntosh,

Housekeepers' booth: Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. May

Mrs. Woods is chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Bowker is the indefatigable secretary.

Mr. Albert Nash is getting up a very clever play "His House in Order," to be given after Lent in aid of the Bazaar. Misses Lizzie Hardisty, Miss Jessie Form assisted.

Miss Forsythe is busy also rehearsing the Opera, "Patience," which she is getting up in aid of the Hospital. I understand she is endeavoring to secure the Empire Theatre for its production some time in March.

I have heard so much of Dr. Broadbent's delightful lectures every Saturday afternoon in Strathcona, that I am sure all of us will be delighted to announce that he is to give a series of four in the next few weeks on this side of the river, under the auspices of the Ladies' Covert Cloth Aid, a ticket for the course being procurable for two dollars, one-fourth of which amount will go to the Hospital Fund.

The four subjects and the dates on which they will be given follow:

Feb. 13th: The beginning of the Cycle.

Feb. 27th: Gawain, The Knight and Tristan, the lover.

March 6th: The Search for the Grail.

March 13th: The disintegration of the Round Table.

The lectures will be given in All Saints' schoolroom and will commence promptly at 8:30.

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Music and Drama.

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refreshing kind of humor, which, free from all traces of vulgarity and relying on ability alone, stamps him as prince of popular entertainers. The wide range of characters presented by Mr. Fax and the almost instantaneous change of costume, always a most interesting part of the performance. But, matters not what the character, it is rendered with an air of realism, careful attention to costume, gesture and accent, that seems almost bewildering when it is realized that it is all done by one man. Mr. Fax's skill certainly lies in keeping the general excellency of the entertainment. He possesses a pleasant baritone voice with a wide range and perfect enunciation. He is an interesting man and good in all his versatility.

EMPIRE THEATRE HAS ANOTHER GREAT BILL.

For the week of Feb. 15th Manager Kyle of the Empire Theatre promises a rare treat in the list of attractions. The "Twins" of Hickman-Miller Co., in their clever comedy sketch "Twins," are the headliners of the week, and their act is a scream from start to finish. The plot is had in a hotel and the situations which arise between an engaged couple and a newly married pair are exceedingly funny. The comedy in the plot is so well worked out that it can easily be imagined, from this, that a great many laughs are in store for the audience. The final clearing up of all is particularly funny.

Fern and Mack, two ex-legionaries, who have struck the unadulterated road to genuine hard luck are continuing their act, their infinitesimal humor creating laughs every few seconds. Their songs are all new, and are rendered well, while their dancing is great. In Calgary the audience would hardly let them leave the stage to give way to following acts.

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cess an act full of thrills. An iron mace is required to carry it out, and it took months of practice to perfect. Their sharp shooting is exceptionally good, but his knife throwing fades that away. With his wife as a target, he manipulates knives and battle axes in such a manner, that when he is finished his wife is encased in a steel cage, from which escape would be impossible.

The illustrated song, by Mr. Roberts, and the Empire moving pictures will be new and up to date, and will do doubt be as favorably received as the others. "Sweet Lavender" will be one of the moving picture subjects and the imaginative person can easily figure out what fun there is in store in that film.

The overture this week by the Empire orchestra will be Titania, by Hildebrand, and Director Thus Irving assures a pleasant quarter hour while he holds forth. This week's bill will no doubt draw large houses.

Athletics

"The Indian will beat your block off, you little Cockney shrimp," shouted Flanagan Powers jumped between the two. "We'll be in the ring right now," said Shrubb, calmly. Such was the historic conversation which the newsmen reported as taking place on the day preceding the Longboat-Shrubb race. The way Flanagan butted in and then pulled out of Longboat's affairs is somewhat of a mystery. But we must have had a good laugh when we were talking about Shrubb's capacity had been properly calculated. Longboat knew how long he could last, let him get a big lead, after which the Englishman was all in and the Indian won as he liked. At the Marathon distance, Shrubb is generally considered the Longboat has not had a run among present day runners. It is said that he and Shrubb will race 15 miles. If they do, there should be no doubt as to the Englishman's winning out.

The Twin City curling bonspiel, which opens at Edmonton and Strathcona ice on Feb. 22nd and will last throughout the week should prove a big event and is being most eagerly looked forward to.

The principal trophy will be known as the Twin City Challenge trophy.

Games will be in progress on ten sheets of ice, four in the Edmonton

curling rink, four in the Strathcona curling rink.

It is just possible that the skating rink over the river will also be used. The committee are as follows:

Prizes: Messrs McGowan, Simpson and John Dewar.

Subscriptions: Messrs Good, Hodson and Gandy.

Lees, Messrs D'hop, Rix and R. D. Rix, Edmonton, and W. G. Congdon, Strathcona.

In charge of bonspiel: Messrs Jones and Rix.

Umpires: Messrs Haskell, McCauley, A. C. Fraser, Edmonton, and J. F. Weir, W. H. Sheppard, Arthur McLean and W. H. Congdon, Strathcona.

Recruit to be Proud of

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owner of an estate celebrated the world over, he joined an English colony near Sioux City, Iowa, in 1882. A year later he journeyed to Billings, Montana, and in the following year, with three others, started for Alberta overland, and arrived at the cool banks on the Belly River (where Lethbridge is now) in May of 1884. After a varied experience in ranching and as a member of the Rocky Mountain Rangers during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885, he took up a ranch where Cardston now stands. At that time there were only two other ranches on the St. Mary's river in the whole of Southern Alberta. He went in extensively for sheep and horses. Settlement increasing, the conditions under which he and his partner were conducting their business changed and in 1889 he went to the Eastern States.

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THE SATURDAY NEWS

After two years on a plantation in Georgia, he entered journalistic work in New York city, devoting himself to that and general literary effort for nearly fifteen years. In his particular line he made himself an authority on continental reputation. Several of the leading articles in the *Encyclopedia Americana* on subjects connected with animal life bear his signature. He and his wife were pioneers in the movement for the breeding of high class Persian cats. Mr. Barker wrote the American part of the Book of the Cat (Cassell), as well as the article on the same subject in the *Encyclopedia* referred to.

Few men have such a record

behind them as a breeder and judge of animals of every kind. He started

raising chickens when fifteen years

old and now breeds and shows scores

of winners in dogs, cats, guinea

pigs, poultry and pigeons.

He has been a judge at some of the most

important shows in America and

England, in London, New York,

Philadelphia, Chicago, at the Toronto

Industrial, at the New York State

Fair, in Detroit, Syracuse, Rochester,

Cleveland, Winnipeg, and Victoria.

In 1905 he visited Edmonton fair as

poultry judge. He has owned and

bred Jersey cattle, horses, Berkshire

and Poland China pigs and sheep.

His recent connection with

Alberta dates back to a business

trip paid to Victoria in the summer of 1905. On his return he went down to Cardston to look at his old property, which he still held. He was deeply impressed by the great progress which the province was making and decided to remain and do what he could to push it along. This he has been doing very effectively ever since and in the position which he is now assuming should be able to accomplish very much more.

What he is thought of in the part of the province where he is best known may be judged from the following editorial reference, which appeared last week in the *Lethbridge Daily Herald*:

"By the removal of E. N. Barker from Cardston to Edmonton the north country secures as a citizen one of the brainiest men in the South. Probably no man in Southern Alberta is better informed on the early history of the country and its advancement from the purely ranching region to the greatest wheat producing section of Western Canada than Mr. Barker. His knowledge however is not limited to cattle and horses and wheat, for he has a mind particularly well informed on all the questions of the day, local, national and world wide in their scope. He will bring to the newspaper profession in Edmonton knowledge that will make him invaluable as a writer.

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